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EDUCATION

University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business

Master of Business Administration, Emphasis in Finance 2004

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics, Minor in Accounting 1998

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business

Assistant Professor of Clinical Finance and Business Economics 2019 – Present

Lecturer in Finance and Business Economics 2015 – 2019

Adjunct Professor of Finance and Business Economics 2013 – 2015

Average Teaching Evaluation Score: 4.8/5.0 (Instructor Ratings compiled from 80 courses and 3,800 students); average instructor scores listed below:

Courses Taught:

- **GSBA 548** – Corporate Finance (Full-Time MBA, Part-Time MBA, MS Finance Core Course), 2015-present: **4.7/5.0**
- **FBE 529** – Financial Analysis & Valuation (MBA & MS Finance Elective Course), 2017-present: **4.8/5.0**
- **FBE 453a** – Advanced Practicum in Investment Management (Undergraduate Student Investment Fund), 2015-present: **4.9/5.0**
- **FBE 453b** – Advanced Practicum in Investment Management (Undergraduate Student Investment Fund), 2016-present: **4.9/5.0**
- **FBE 553a** – Applied Portfolio Management (Student Investment Fund), 2015-present: **4.8/5.0**
- **FBE 553b** – Applied Portfolio Management (Student Investment Fund), 2016-present: **5.0/5.0**
- **GSBA 580/580c** – The Global Context of Business (PRIME International Experiential Learning) – Singapore Lead Faculty (2020), Hong Kong Lead Faculty (2019), Seoul/Beijing Lead Faculty (2017-2018) – **4.7/5.0**
- **GSBA 511** – Microeconomics for Management (MS Finance Core Course), 2016-2019: **4.8/5.0**
- **FBE 421** – Financial Analysis & Valuation (Undergraduate Elective Course), 2016-present: **4.6/5.0**
- **GSBA 521a** – Corporate Finance (Full-Time MBA Core Course), 2015: **4.5/5.0**
- **ECON 351** – Microeconomics for Business (Undergraduate Business Major Core Course), 2014: **4.8/5.0**
- **BUAD 306** – Business Finance (Undergraduate Business Major Core Course), 2014-2016: **4.7/5.0**
- **BUAD 215** – Foundations of Business Finance (Undergraduate Business Minor Core Course), 2013-2014: **4.7/5.0**
- **FIM 529** – Corporate Finance/Financial Analysis & Valuation (MS Food Industry Leadership Course), 2020-present: **4.6/5.0**

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Awards:

- Golden Apple Teaching Award, Full-Time MBA Core Program, 2021
- Golden Apple Teaching Award, Full-Time MBA Core Program, 2016
- ‘Above and Beyond’ Faculty Award, MS Finance Program, 2018
- ‘Most Entertaining Professor’ Award, MS Finance Program, 2017
- ‘Best Advice’ Faculty Award, MS Finance Program, 2017

Other Teaching:

- Master of Business for Veterans (MBV) Program, Corporate Finance, 2015-present
- Executive Education – Kaiser Permanente Advanced Management Program 2.0, 2017-present
- Executive Education – Smart & Final Senior Leadership Executive Program, 2018
- Executive Education – Kaiser Permanente Advanced Management Program, 2016
- FBE 592/593 – Independent Studies & Field Research, 2017-present
- Master of Business for Veterans (MBV) Capstone Project Course, 2021-present

Professional and Administrative Service:

- Instructor, Student Investment Fund (SIF) Program (2015 – 2021)
- Instructor, Undergraduate Student Investment Fund (USIF) Program (2015 – 2021)
- Faculty Advisor, Business of Entertainment Association, USC Marshall (2016 – present)
- Faculty Advisor, Marshall Finance Association, USC Marshall (2016 – present)
- Faculty Advisor, Marshall Golf Club, USC Marshall (2020 – present)
- Core Coordinator for BUAD 306 & 215, FBE Department (2017 – 2020)
- Singapore Country Desk Officer for the USC Marshall PRIME Program (2019 – present)
- Hong Kong Country Desk Officer for the USC Marshall PRIME Program (2018 – present)
- China/Korea Country Desk Officer for the USC Marshall PRIME Program (2017 – 2018)
- Committee Member, Department of Finance and Business Economics Clinical Recruiting Committee (2019 - present)
- Faculty Mentor, Marshall First-Year Experience (2017 – present)
- Faculty Advisor, USC Marshall, CFA Institute Research Challenge (2015 – present); 2017 & 2018 teams won the Los Angeles chapter competition, 2016 team placed 2nd
- Faculty Advisor, USC Marshall, CQA Investment Challenge (2015 – present)
- Faculty Advisor, Total Impact Portfolio Challenge (2020 – present)
- Faculty Advisor, Duff & Phelps’ YOUiversity Deal Challenge (2018 – 2019)
- Committee Member, PRIME 2.0 Redesign Committee (2018)
- FBE Undergraduate and MBA Elective Advisor (2015 – present)
- Committee Member, MS Finance Admissions Committee (2016 – 2019)
- Judge, Marshall Finance Association Stock Pitch Contest (2017 – present)
- Judge, Full-Time MBA Case Competition (2015)

Media Coverage

- “It Was Getting Out of Control: Media Giants Stare Down ‘Terrifying’ Debt Problem,” *Hollywood Reporter*, article by Stephen Galloway, October 9, 2019.

Presentations:

- “An Insider’s Guide to the Entertainment Industry” *Business of Entertainment Association*, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2021
- “Buy-Side Panel” Invited Moderator, *USC Value Investing Group*, Fall 2019
- “e2: Evolution of Entertainment Conference” Invited Moderator for the Investor Panel, *Business of Entertainment Association & USC Annenberg*, Spring 2018

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- “Corporate Finance 101, Introduction to Various Career Paths” *Marshall Finance Association*, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019
- “MBA Career Insights Panel” Invited Moderator, *Graduate Career Services/Full-Time MBA Program*, Fall 2018
- “USIF Annual Meeting” Invited Moderator, *Center for Investment Studies*, Spring 2020 & Spring 2021
- “SIF Annual Meeting” Invited Moderator, *Center for Investment Studies*, Spring 2020 & Spring 2021

UCLA Extension

Instructor

2011 – 2012

Courses Taught:

- MGMNT X130A – Basic Managerial Finance, 2011-2012

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Sony Pictures Entertainment

Executive Director, Motion Picture Finance

Culver City, CA

2005 – 2015

Warner Bros. Entertainment

Financial Manager, Post Production Services

Burbank, CA

2004 – 2005

Deloitte & Touche

Senior Accountant, Tax Services

Los Angeles, CA

2000 – 2002

Staff Accountant, Assurance and Advisory Services

1998 – 2000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION:

Certified Public Accountant (Active)

HONORS:

Golden Key & Beta Gamma Sigma Honors Societies

ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT:

Sony Pictures MBA Recruiting Site Visit; Career Panel Discussions

TRAVEL:

Extensive travel to Europe, Asia, South America, and Australia

INTERESTS:

Tennis, Skiing, Running, Aviation, Film

PERSONAL

- Married to Tammy Abrams, Sr. Manager, Franchise Analytics & Operations, The Walt Disney Company
- Two daughters (5) and (8 months)